Electric Vehicle Leveraged Finance
Opportunities, Challenges, & Solutions
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Why was this research conducted?

Vulcan Philanthropy seeks to catalyze greater electric vehicle (EV) adoption as a complement to the Smart Cities Challenge, its partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation which will provide a $50M grant to the winning city of Columbus, Ohio, for transportation innovation.

Faster and wider EV market penetration requires a substantial increase in private sector investment, instead of relying on allocations from foundations and the public sector.

IronOak Energy was engaged to assess opportunities, challenges, and financial mechanisms that cities, investors, and other EV market players should consider in their efforts to grow the EV sector and realize its potential financial, environmental, and economic benefits.
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Framing Questions for This Presentation

For Equity Investors and Banks
● What does the data show regarding trends, opportunities, and risks in the EV space?
● What do these data mean for my investment opportunities today and over the next 3-5 years?

For Local Government Leaders and Program Managers
● What are the different categories of investors that could commit more private sector investment to fund EV growth in our city?
● What are their ideal investments, return targets, and risk thresholds?
● Which category of investor is most important to our city in the near term?
Representative Organizations Interviewed and Surveyed

**Finance**
- Macquarie Capital, SVP
- JP Morgan, Managing Director
- BlackRock, Managing Director
- American Infrastructure Funds, Associate
- Paragon Energy Advisors, Director
- TerraForm Global, Dir. of Global Finance
- Pattern Energy, Dir. of Asset Mgt.
- Apex Clean Energy, Dir. of New Markets
- Deutsche Bank, Managing Director
- Global Environment Fund, VP
- Potomac Investments, President/CEO
- Energy Intelligence Partners, Managing Director
- Bank of America, SVP

**Government / Policy / NGO**
- NaatBaat, Executive Director
- SAFE, CEO
- Environmental Law & Policy Center, Clean Energy Finance Specialist
- ACORE, Dir. of Transportation
- NC local government, Sustainability Coordinator

**Corporate / OEM / Other**
- CBRE, Global Director
- XL Hybrids, CEO
- Proterra, Dir. of Business Development
- PG&E, Dir. of Strategic Investments and Analysis
- ChargePoint, Dir. of Utility Solutions
- Entergy, Dir. of New Business Development
- Nissan, Dir. of Business Development
- ARI Fleet Management, Manager
- BYD, Dir. of Government Relations
- ScottMadden, Cleantech Specialist
- Terrapin Bright Green, Partner
- Electric Trees, CEO

**Overall Invitations Sent**
- 100+ Semi-Structured Interview
- 250+ Psychometric Survey
Top 4 Takeaways: For Cities & Non-Private Funders

1. **Remove policy barriers by creating incentives that are predictable and unified**
   - Policy uncertainty and fragmentation create barriers to large-scale investment

2. **Simplify procurement processes and aggregate investment in order to scale**
   - Investors need simplicity and scale in order to dedicate the time and resources required to enter a new market like EVs in a bigger way.

3. **Realize that all investors are not created equal**
   - Build partnerships with investors that cater to their unique criteria for scale, risk, and financial return.

4. **Do not pay full price for EVs or EV chargers**
   - In this report, we identify 16 financial structures to help public sector dollars go further.
Top 4 Takeaways: For Private Market Investors

1. **EVs are not just a cute little niche limited to wealthy environmentalists**
   ○ The average U.S. car cost $33,500 in 2015. The two most popular EVs cost about $26,000 after federal credits, but before upgrades. (Source: Kelley Blue Book, 2015)

2. **EVs are projected to be first-cost neutral with conventional vehicles by 2022**
   ○ Now the cost advantage for EVs is in total cost of ownership, driven by roughly 75% lower gasoline-equivalent fuel consumption. Post-2022, the market will grow more quickly. (Source: MIT, 2015)

3. **EVs market growth is not led by Tesla alone**
   ○ Major automakers such as Ford, GM, Nissan, Mercedes, Volvo, and Volkswagen are making major commitments to expand their EV lines over the next 1-4 years.

4. **Mass market adoption of new tech like EVs can occur faster than we think**
   ○ For example, refrigerators and cell phones went from 0% to about 80% penetration in 15 years. Will something similar happen for EVs? (Source: New York Times, 2008)
EVs: Where We Are Today – Small but Growing

2015 saw the global number of EVs on the road cross the 1 million threshold, closing at 1.3 million
(Source: International Energy Agency, 2016)

Ambitious targets and policy support have lowered EV costs, extended vehicle range, and reduced consumer barriers in a number of countries

Market shares of EVs rose above 1% in 7 countries in 2015: Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, France, China, and UK

The global EV market is highly concentrated with 80% of EVs located in 5 countries: US, China, Japan, Netherlands, Norway. This highlights current investment locations and also demonstrates the large future growth potential in other countries.
**EVs: Where We Are Today — Big Auto, Big Plans**

**Ford** is investing $4.5B in EV solutions, including 13 new EVs for its fleet by 2020 (Source: White House, 2016)

**General Motors** is launching the 2017 Chevy Bolt with more than 200 miles of all-electric range

**Mercedes Benz** is releasing 10 plug-in hybrid models by 2017

**Nissan** has sold more than 95,000 all-electric Leafs in the US

**Tesla** expects to produce 500,000 electric vehicles in 2018 (Source: Bloomberg, 2016)

Major EV manufacturers are scaling up production and directly addressing pain points identified by early adopters.
EVs: A Vision of the Future

By 2040, EVs are projected to comprise 35% of the global car fleet, with more than 400 million EVs on the road, putting continuous downward pressure on battery costs through technology development, economies of scale, and manufacturing experience. (Source: Bloomberg NEF, 2016)

EVs are projected to cost the same as conventional cars by 2022. The business case then moves from operational cost savings to include first cost savings, and the market expands more quickly. (Source: Bloomberg NEF, 2016)
Opportunities: Overview

Cost savings: Lower total cost of ownership (TCO) vs. most internal combustion engine (ICE) cars today; US consumers could save $300B per year if all light duty vehicles switched to EVs (Source: Utility Dive, 2016)

Public policy support and incentives: Limited, confusing, but growing range of federal and state incentives; proven innovation in catalytic solar policy could extend to EVs

Expanding Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) (i.e., EV charging infrastructure): Many utilities and VC-backed private companies are competing to offer solutions to EVSE

Increasing uses: Driver’s range anxiety is being alleviated with increased EV range, more charging stations, and dealer access to ICE vehicles for longer trips (e.g., BMW)

Lowering battery technology risk: Perceived risks are greater than actual risks

Growing market: EV market is quickly expanding from small base; 60%-100% annual increase 2012-2016; Early investors can control large future market growth (Source: Centre for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research (ZSW), 2015; Navigant, 2016)
Opportunities: Market the Lower Total Costs of Ownership

Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) is a critical consumer education topic to overcome sticker shock of paying a premium for an EV vs. ICE vehicles. However, consumers focus on purchase price as the primary criterion “4 out of 5 times.” (Source: IronOak Energy Primary Research, 2016)

Factors for calculating TCO:
- Purchase price and sales tax
- Federal and state tax credits and other financial incentives
- Fuel and EVSE costs
- Maintenance expenses
- Resale value -- EVs sometimes depreciate 2x as fast as ICE vehicles (Source: WSJ, 2015)

TCO is increasingly relevant for transit planning as public transit entails predictable routes with vehicles experiencing high utilization rates -- transit agencies have long-term planning horizons, which aligns well with EVs’ superior TCO
Opportunities: Market the Lower Total Costs of Ownership

EV fuel consumption is substantially lower than other vehicles -- roughly 75% less than ICE cars and 67% less than hybrid-electric gasoline cars.

TCO will continue to be a selling point, but primarily in sectors with long-term planning and investment horizons (i.e., not for most consumers).

EV fuel costs 77% less than conventional gasoline for cars in 2015. This is a strong motivator, but only if EV users think long term. Financing that allows savings to accrue monthly will be more desirable than long-term paybacks on an initially higher purchase price.

(Source: MIT, 2015)
Opportunities: Capitalize on Lower Battery Tech Risks + Costs

Batteries comprise roughly 33% of EV costs (Source: Bloomberg NEF, 2016)

Battery costs have fallen 50%+ in the last few years and technological advances will continue to mainstream demand for EVs (Source: Utility Dive and STEM, 2016)

Over 70 different types of battery chemistries are being tested or deployed today, but lithium is by far the most dominant for the next 3-5 years (Source: IronOak Energy Primary Research, 2016)

The falling price of batteries is a catalyst for and result of EV market growth. Battery tech risks are much lower than market perceptions.

It’s All About the Batteries

Batteries make up a third of the cost of an electric vehicle. As battery costs continue to fall, demand for EVs will rise.

(Source: Bloomberg NEF, 2016)
Opportunities: Build on Base of EV Incentives at State Level

Average incentive offered to U.S. EV purchasers is less than $1,000 per vehicle, whereas states like Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, and California offer $2,000–$6,000 per vehicle in incentives (Source: ICCT, 2014)

Federal tax credit for purchasing EVs is often coupled with diverse state level incentives; there is room for improvement on this patchwork approach (Source: UCLA, 2015)

Some governments are phasing out or removing EV incentives for political or budgetary reasons

State-level incentives are a boost and a hindrance to EV expansion. Investors do not like the policy variation and uncertainty. (Source: US DOE 2015)
Opportunities: Capitalize on Federal Fuel Efficiency Drivers

Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards will require automakers to raise average fuel efficiency of new cars and trucks to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

EVs qualify for credits that are greater than the actual fuel economy they achieve in operation -- each EV in 2017 can be counted as two EVs in terms of fleet fuel economy. (Source: RFF, 2013)

Increasing CAFE standards will help drive EV market share compared to less efficient ICE cars. The technological advantage inherent to EVs will increase over time, which will attract forward-looking investors. (Source: UCS, 2016)

(Source: White House, 2011)
Opportunities: Help Utilities Win as Co-Investors in EVs

Over the next 25 years, EVs could provide 2,700 TWh of additional electricity demand, equal to 11% of 2015 world consumption (Source: Bloomberg NEF, 2016)

If all light duty vehicles in the U.S. switched to EVs, power consumption would rise 25% and utility revenues could rise by $100B (Source: Utility Dive, 2016)

There are 14 ways for utilities to generate new business in a growing EV sector. Utilities should be seen as allies, not obstacles.
Opportunities: Help Utilities Win as Co-Investors in EVs

Stakeholders’ Varying Motivations by Adding EVSE

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The two most common motivations are for adding EVSE relate to utilities:

1. hopes for V2B and V2G benefits
2. ability to better use off-peak resources

(Source: C2ES, 2015)
Challenges: Overview

**Cost:** EV first-cost price premium vs. lower TCO; Consumers focus on the former

**Depreciation:** EVs may lose resale value 2x more quickly than ICE vehicles (Source: WSJ, 2015)

**Convenience:** Driver’s range anxiety for longer trips; Concerns with time to charge

**Technology Risk:** Degradation and longevity concerns; Limited market history of EVs

**EVSE:** “Chicken vs. egg” problem -- Which comes first: EVs or EVSEs?

**Carbon Intensity of Electricity:** Low GHG power supply -- all grids not created equal

**Low Gas Prices:** Low and persistent oil and gasoline prices

**Small Market:** EV market is small relative to other energy / infrastructure asset classes
Challenges: EV Sales Are Affected by Low Oil Prices

There is a correlation between gas prices and EV sales, albeit with a time lag as the market responds. However, EV investments, especially infrastructure, are a long-term, not short-term, play.

(Source: CleanTechnica, 2014)
Challenges: EV Sales Only Impaired by Low Oil Prices for Now

“Energy is the best sector to invest in right now.”

David Rubenstein
Co-Founder, Carlyle Group
Large global private equity with $194B of assets under management

SuperReturn Global Investor Conference
February 2016
Berlin, Germany

Said differently, this billionaire investor wants to “buy low and sell high.” He believes that oil prices will go up. This favors greater EV investment over the medium and long term.
Challenges: Barriers Exist for Larger EVSE Networks

“Chicken vs. Egg” (EV vs. EVSE)

Investor skepticism about revenue model of many charging companies given their limited ability to sell electricity in regulated markets, and dependence on capturing indirect value of EVSE.

Some utilities are attempting to rate-base EVSE -- creates concerns with competition and non-EV owners subsidizing EV owners.

Generating sufficient ROI on charging revenue alone is difficult -- need to capture ancillary benefits, which is a tough sell to pure financial investor.

The top concerns are: (1) financial feasibility, (2) lack of interest in owning EVSE, (3) charging impacts to the grid, and (4) logic and equity of public sector investments.

(Source: Center for Energy and Climate Solution, 2015)
Challenges: Range Anxiety Due to Battery Capacity is Real

Current EVs with >80 miles on full charge: Nissan, Chevy, Kia, BMW, Fiat, Volkswagen, Mercedes, and Tesla (270 miles)  
(Source: Autos Cheatsheet, 2015)

Range anxiety may be more of a perceived, instead of actual, risk for the majority of EV use cases -- education is key

Excess battery capacity need not be wasted, but rather monetized via V2G and V2B applications -- business models need further development  
(Source: IronOak Energy Primary Research, 2016)

80% of American drivers drive <60 miles per day. Range anxiety is not a constraint for most daily commutes.  
(Source: CleanTechnica, 2015)
Challenges: Range Anxiety Due to EVSE Infrastructure is Real

Range anxiety remains a large obstacle to the widespread adoption of electric cars

Choosing the dominant connector: one size does not fit all
- CHAdeMO (Many Asian car manufacturers, including Nissan, Kia, and Mitsubishi)
- SAE (Nearly all US and EU-manufactured vehicles, along with Hyundai)
- Supercharger (Tesla)

350 kW fast chargers can charge an EV in less than 10 minutes (Source: Greentech Media, 2016)

EVSE installation (e.g., concrete, trenching, electrical, etc.) can cost just as much as the technology (Source: IronOak Energy Primary Research, 2016)

Many providers are targeting national EVSE networks to address range anxiety, including Tesla, EVgo, and ChargePoint. Investors worry about the lack of interoperability among these networks. They are also excited about controlling them.
Challenges: Market is Too Small. Doesn’t Merit Attention (yet).

Large investors are less attracted to EV market due to small market size

VC market active in investments in early stage companies, but M&A activity very low

Low-carbon infrastructure investors are primarily focused on established generation technology (solar & wind) and increasingly energy storage

For comparison, about $1.5T been invested in solar and wind projects since 2009 (Source: Goldman Sachs, 2015; IronOak Energy, Primary Research, 2016).

For EVs, once technology risks are reduced and costs come down, scale becomes possible.
The rate at which EVs and EVSE are being adopted varies dramatically across different geographies. This is only partly explained by incentives -- psychographics and demographics are also key.

Investors dislike this fragmented policy approach of varying state and local incentives. This makes it hard for them to achieve large scale investment across many geographies.

Investors also understand that the populations vary geographically, leading to differential rates of EV adoption. This helps them prioritize markets, knowing that education and mass adoption opens up recalcitrant markets later.
Challenges: Disincentives to EV Adoption are Emerging

Because EVs do not generate traditional federal fuel taxes, they do not financially contribute to highway maintenance.

This has caused many states to rethink how funds are collected to support highway infrastructure, and resulted in the creation of new EV fees in 11 states, with the potential for more to come.

The problem of gas tax revenue lost through EVs is negligible compared to the decrease in tax collection that has resulted from the drastic drop in overall fuel consumption.

Some states are creating fees that are adding cost barriers to EV adoption. Investors will likely perceive this as a general test of the government’s sentiment towards EVs.

(Source: US DOE 2015)
Many investors are waiting to see viable business models for EV batteries used as smart distributed grid storage (vehicle to grid (V2G) or vehicle-to-building (V2B)).

If viable V2G/V2B business models emerge, it would unlock multiple revenue streams for EVs, thereby boosting financial returns.

Batteries can provide up to 13 different services to the grid, utilities, and customers. EV batteries could provide a portion of these services in V2G/V2B applications.

However, most state and federal policies only allow 1-2 of these values to be monetized.

Financial feasibility of EV investments increases as more revenue streams are monetizable for EV batteries.

(Source: RMI, 2015)
## Solutions: Public & Private Investment Strategies

### Public Sector

1. Investment tax credits
2. Loan loss reserve funds
3. Interest rate buydowns
4. Low-interest revolving loan funds
5. Loan guarantees
6. Green bonds
7. Carbon credit funds
8. Zero Emissions Vehicle Credits

### Private Sector

1. Securitization of EV loans/leases
2. YieldCos
3. Tax credit syndication
4. Tax credit monetization
5. On-bill financing
6. Fleet management company
7. Bundling EV/EVSE investment
8. Power Purchase Agreements
Public Sector Solution #1: Investment Tax Credits

The US federal tax credit for EVSE subsidizes up to $1,000 for consumers and $30,000 for commercial developers (Source: Plug-in America, 2016)

The EVSE tax credit is slated to sunset at the end of 2016

In addition to the federal tax credit of up to $7,500 for EVs, 20 states provide additional incentives (e.g., rebates and tax credits)

The proposed ITC for energy storage (e.g., HR 5350) could support V2G or next generation battery applications

States with EV Incentives

(Source: US DOE, 2016; Washington Post, 2016)
Public Sector Solution #2: Loan Loss Reserve Fund (LLRF)

The goal of LLRF programs is to help reduce the actual or perceived risks that banks see in making many small loans into a new or poorly understood sector, such as EVs.

Often the LLRF repays or “covers” the first 10% of a bank’s losses in a loan portfolio.

The LLRF does not cover 100% of the bank’s risks -- they take some risk in order to justify the return on their capital.

Benefits include leveraging private funds, reducing interest rates on debt to target projects, and lengthening loan term, all of which can make the project more financially feasible.

**Example:**
If a city government has $1 million available in funds for LLRF, a 5% loss reserve will produce $20 million in capital to lend.

**Guidance from US DOE on creating a LLRF**

These are not radical new programs. They have been used for other energy programs and are supported by DOE. Properly structured, they can catalyze 20x bank debt on top of public sector commitments to mitigate risks to the bank.
Public Sector Solution #3: Interest Rate Buydown

Agreements to subsidize high interest rates that private investors may require as compensation for lending in the less established EV market

Provide either borrower/lender with an upfront sum equal to the present value of the interest payments subsidy over the lifetime of the loan

Similar to grants and rebates in that they entail a transfer of funds with no expectation of repayment

Express purpose is to expend a relatively small amount of public money in order to make private loans more attractive to borrowers (e.g., lower interest rates, longer tenor)

Increased private investment in EVSEs can be catalyzed by using public funds for interest rate buydowns to make commercial loans more attractive.

(Source: Center for Energy and Climate Solution, 2014)
Public Sector Solution #4: Low-interest Revolving Loan Funds

Low-interest revolving loan funds (RLFs) are pools of capital from which loans can be made for EVSE projects.

As loans are repaid, the capital is then reloaned for future projects.

Assuming that defaults remain low, RLFs can be "evergreen" sources of capital that are recycled over and over again to fund projects well into the future.

More than 30 states have established RLF programs for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects.

Governments can establish low-interest RLFs to support both public and private sector EVSE development. These models allow for constant replenishment and reallocation of the same initial investment to fund worthy projects.

(Source: US DOE 2016)
Public Sector Solution #5: Loan Guarantee

White House $4.5B EVSE Loan Guarantee
- Applies to hardware and software
- Targets DC fast chargers for nationwide EVSE network
- Facilitates procurement of EV fleets by local and state governments at a group negotiated discounted value (Source: White House, 2016)

A nationwide EVSE network by 2020 will require new research into:
- Siting criteria for charging locations
- EVSE comprehensive cost assessment
- Impact of demand charges on customers
- Innovative solutions including a 350kW fast chargers

US DOT’s Proposed Nationwide EVSE Network by 2020

By assuming the debt obligation in the event of default, the government is reducing investment risks of wary banks. This leads to more market-rate loans for EVSE deployment.

(Source: US DOT, 2016)
Public Sector Solution #5: Loan Guarantee

50 industry stakeholders added EVSE commitments to White House initiative, including:

- KCP&L installing 10% of its 1,100 EVSE stations in low-income communities
- Portland General Electric spending 10% of their company fleet budget on electrification (Source: CleanTechnica, 2016)
- Avista is installing 272 EVSE connection ports at workplaces and public locations in its Eastern Washington service territory

Dollars invested towards EVSE could create 4x the number of EVs on the road, far outweighing the impact of the federal $7,500 tax credit for EVs directly (Source: National Science Foundation, 2015)

More EVSEs leads to more EVs on the road. Loan guarantees can be an efficient way to do this. Great success was achieved from the U.S. loan guarantee program for solar years ago. US DOE also sees workplaces as a target for these EVSEs.

(Source: US DOE, 2016)
Public Sector Solution #6: Green Bond Financing

Green bonds are a relatively new financial instrument used to fund low-carbon infrastructure -- investor interest is growing (see details here).

They began in 2007 with $42B allocated last year and a projected $70B this year (Source: Moody's, 2016).

Green bonds represent about 11% of a much broader climate-aligned bond universe of about $600B (Source: Climate Bonds Initiative, 2015).

70% of climate-aligned bonds were allocated to transportation in recent years.

Green bonds allow public issuers to access low cost capital for public infrastructure projects. Investor demand is often 2x supply for green bonds.

(Source: Climate Bond Initiative, 2015)
Cap-and-trade policies are designed to regulate emissions, and can create a market in which carbon credits are generated and traded, as in California with AB 32.

Under this regulatory structure, large polluters buy carbon credits generated by businesses with surplus allowances.

Carbon credits are generated from a wide range of emissions-reducing activities.

Collected carbon credit funds from the cap-and-trade auctions can go toward other emission-reducing endeavors, including rebates for EVs ($325M in CA) (Source: CARB, 2016)

Carbon credit funds can be generated through cap-and-trade or other revenue-generating programs to help fund EV rebates and other incentives.

(Source: Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, 2016)
Public Sector Solution #8: Zero Emissions Vehicle Credits

California’s Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Program mandates that car sales are comprised of 14% ZEVs (Source: CARB, 2016)

- 2015 -- 61,915 ZEVs were sold
- 2018 -- 75,000 ZEVs must be sold to meet the regulation, an increase of 21%
- 2025 -- 15% of CA vehicle sales must be ZEVs, an estimated 265,000 per year, an increase of 250% in the next decade (Source: ZEV Facts, 2016)

Companies that exceed this target can generate ZEV credits, which can be sold to other manufacturers who have failed to meet the set standard

ZEV credit programs create an incentive for car manufacturers to sell more ZEV cars, and a revenue stream from the sell of ZEV credits to manufacturers that fail to meet the standard.

(Source: GreenTech Media, 2016)
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<td>Requires EV purchasers or EVSE developers to have sufficient tax liability to monetize the tax credit -- necessitates syndication or monetization strategies</td>
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<td><strong>Loan Loss Reserve Funds</strong></td>
<td>Reduces the risks that banks perceive in making many small loans into the EV sector by covering the first 10% of a bank's losses in a loan portfolio</td>
<td>Does not cover 100% of the bank's risks, so they still need to take some risk in order to justify the return on their capital</td>
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<td><strong>Interest Rate Buydowns</strong></td>
<td>Subsidizes high interest rates that investors require as compensation for lending in uncertain markets</td>
<td>Uses public money in order to make private loans marginally more attractive to borrowers</td>
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<td><strong>Low-Interest Revolving Loan Funds</strong></td>
<td>Provides &quot;evergreen&quot; sources of capital that are recycled to fund EVSE projects on a continual basis</td>
<td>Depends on revenues generated from the EVSE project -- tends to fund only very low risk projects</td>
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<td><strong>Loan Guarantee</strong></td>
<td>Assumes the debt obligation in the event of default, and addresses a huge pain point for the EV industry</td>
<td>Requires application to a competitive federal program offered to a wide range of energy projects</td>
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<td><strong>Green Bond Financing</strong></td>
<td>Gives access to low-cost capital for clean infrastructure projects/investments for both public and private sector</td>
<td>Requires high transaction costs associated with issuing a large bond</td>
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<td><strong>Carbon Credit Funds</strong></td>
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<td>Requires the creation of a cap-and-trade or other carbon regulatory structure in order to create the market structure for carbon credits</td>
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<td><strong>Zero Emissions Vehicles Credits</strong></td>
<td>Incentivizes car manufacturers to design and sell more EVs -- creates a revenue stream for leading edge EV car manufacturers</td>
<td>Creates a complex trading market for ZEV credits between car manufacturers, which has resulted in backlash from the penalized companies</td>
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Securitization of EV loans and leases presents an opportunity to access larger pools of capital -- already being done as car companies originate loans/leases and banks create securitize them (e.g., Wells Fargo, US Bank).

Larger banks and institutional investors are interested in EV lease/loan securitization once the scale supports the transaction costs.

Lease penetration in the EV market is 75% compared to 28% across all cars (Source: Manheim, 2016)

But, investment banks with experience in leasing to cities still consider e-bus/EV market too small.

Securitization allows larger banks and institutional investors to invest in asset-backed securities comprised of bundles of EV loans or leases, which provides capital to the originator.

(Source: NREL, 2013)
Private Sector Solution #2: YieldCo

YieldCos -- similar to a Master Limited Partnership (MLP) -- are publicly traded corporations that provide stable and growing distributions for investors from operating assets that generate a predictable stream of cash flow.

Possible future applications to EVSE -- YieldCos can be created from assets that would not generate the qualifying income required for passthrough treatment under the current tax law.

Currently yieldco model for solar is flawed, but experts suggest it will be remade (Source: Utility Dive, 2016)

Yieldco structures could be employed to help finance EVSE if a stable, long-term cash flow can be established. (Source: NREL, 2014)
Tax credits are an effective financial incentive for developing EVSE.

The Commercial Federal Tax Credit provides a tax credit valued at 30% of qualifying project costs (up to $30,000) (Source: ChargePoint, 2016).

To monetize the tax credit, the developer needs a tax liability in excess of the value of the credit, which can be a constraint.

Syndication allows third-party investors to become project “owners” as limited partners and developer to monetizes value of tax credits.

Tax credit syndication allows project developers to access key project finance through monetizing future tax credits, which they cannot utilize, via third-party entities with substantial tax liability. (Source: Nixon Peabody, 2009)
Private Sector Solution #4: Tax Credit Monetization

Tax credits are an effective financial incentive for EV purchases, but car buyers have to wait until filing taxes to claim the credit and moreover need a large tax liability.

EV buyers can claim up to $7,500 in federal tax credits (Source: US DOE, 2016)

States provide additional tax credits of up to $5,000 (Colorado) (Source: Plug In America, 2016)

Colorado’s HB 16-1332 creates a tax credit monetization program that allows the buyer to claim the credit to the financial lender, who in turn would offer the discount at the time of purchase.

Tax credit monetization allows car buyers to pass on the tax credit to the lender so they can take full advantage of the credit at the point of purchase.
Private Sector Solution #5: On-Bill Financing

Housing developers are interested in spreading the cost of EVSE infrastructure across tenants’ monthly utility bills.

On-Bill Financing (OBF) has been used to finance a variety of upgrades including exterior security lighting, energy efficiency, and solar energy.

OBF provides a secure revenue stream because failure to pay can be tied to disconnection. (Source: US DOE 2016)

Creditworthiness can be determined by reviewing past bill repayment history.

Utilities benefit from increased EV electricity demand, and can also recoup the upfront EVSE development expenses via on-bill financing strategies. (Source: NCSL, 2015)
Private Sector Solution #6: Fleet Management Company

Large fleet management companies (e.g., ARI), which control millions of vehicles, are still hesitant to invest heavily in EVs
(Source: IronOak Energy, Primary Research, 2016)

Fleet managers are attracted to low refueling costs and predictable fuel prices -- long-term hedge strategies, similar to corporate and government interest in solar PPAs

Consumer demand is creating EV fleet inventory rather than TCO factors
(Source: IronOak Energy, Primary Research, 2016)

Fleet operators are still concerned about range anxiety and resale value

(Fleet management companies could be attracted to the economics of EVs, and are in the position to make long-term investments in EVs at scale. This could support EV adoption by smaller entities.)
Private Sector Solution #7: Bundled EV/EVSE Financing

The “chicken vs. egg” debate is a common debate among policymakers, consumers, and investors: Which must scale first for the overall market to grow -- EVs or EVSEs?

Some investors see a simple answer: Both -- same location, with the same EV user base, at roughly the same time.

A major global infrastructure investor stated that this “both” approach also addresses another limitation of investing in the EV market: Scale -- however, this has not been done yet to our knowledge (Source: IronOak Energy, Primary Research, 2016)

They noted that EVs could make up to 80% of the total investment -- as such, investments in EVSE alone would not achieve the size they need to dedicate the time to fully explore investment opportunities in the EV sector.

Public and private partnerships may be able to aggregate sufficient local EV and EVSE investment opportunity to attract the large project finance and infrastructure capital needed to add significant leverage to public dollars.
Private Sector Solution #8: Power Purchase Agreements

Higher capital costs (CapEx) for EVs compared to ICE vehicles is a barrier to greater adoption, despite the fact that long-term EV operating costs (OpEx) are lower.

Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) finances the combined CapEx and OpEx into one structured payment, which allows a business to (1) avoid the first cost burden of EV investment and (2) reduce their business-as-usual costs.

The result is a financial product that allows EVs to be financed as a service, not as a piece of equipment.

PPA model has been key to the US reaching 1 million solar installations in 2016 (Source: Greentech Media, 2016)

PPA-like structures could also help scale the EV market.

Vision Fleet pursued a PPA-like business model treating “electric miles as a service.” Although that model is operating in Indianapolis, Atlanta, and certain locations with the US GSA, the company had challenges and recently changed their name to EverCar and shifted their business model to focus on EVs in the car-sharing sector. The transition was mostly unrelated to the PPA model merits, and instead was caused by local politics and long public procurement processes.
This graph (beige line and dark blue bar) shows the dominance of third-party ownership of solar (or EV in this analogy) between 2012 and 2015. Note the shift to increasing customer ownership of solar (not a PPA) as the costs of solar continue to fall. The same phenomenon could be repeated with EVs as they approach first-cost neutrality around 2022.

(Source: Greentech Media, 2015)
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<td>Attracts large amounts of capital into the EV space and helps finance EV manufacturers/financiers</td>
<td>Generates high transaction costs due to complicated financial structure and large investment scale</td>
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<td><strong>YieldCos</strong></td>
<td>Bundles revenue generating assets into an investable product that shields investors from corporate solvency risk</td>
<td>Must be backed by stable cash flows -- may be challenging given EVSE business models; YieldCo model currently undergoing a market reset due to past structural flaws</td>
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<td><strong>Tax Credit Syndication</strong></td>
<td>Allows developers with insufficient tax liabilities to fully utilize tax credits for EVSE development</td>
<td>Requires higher transaction costs to create a tax credit syndication structure -- limited by tax equity investor</td>
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<td><strong>Tax Credit Monetization</strong></td>
<td>Allows EV purchasers to take advantage of the full tax credit at the point of purchase</td>
<td>Has limits to the degree to which lenders can and want to utilize tax credits</td>
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<td><strong>On-Bill Financing</strong></td>
<td>Allows developers to amortize the cost of shared amenities like EVSE onto bills -- simple and proven approach</td>
<td>Forces shared cost model onto non-EV drivers</td>
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<td><strong>Fleet Management Company</strong></td>
<td>Represents a large-scale opportunity to transition fleets through a single point of purchase/lease with companies that have a long-term economic view of vehicle investment</td>
<td>Remain skeptical about EVs and are conservative in their approach to investment</td>
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<td><strong>Bundled EV/EVSE Financing</strong></td>
<td>Solves “chicken and egg” dilemma of financing EVs + EVSE simultaneously by creating investment opportunities of the necessary scale to attract larger investors</td>
<td>Complicated public-private partnerships and financial structures required to bundle EVs and EVSE assets with different return expectations</td>
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<td><strong>Power Purchase Agreements</strong></td>
<td>Solves the first cost barrier for EVs by bundling CapEx and OpEx into a single contract</td>
<td>Requires organizations or consumers to get CapEx and OpEx out of their typical “silos” as distinct budget categories</td>
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Recommended Next Steps: Part 1

**Study the 16 financial mechanisms discussed in this research to find the best fit for your projects.** Cities, foundations, and other public capital providers should not pay full price for EV and EVSE rollouts. Instead, one or more of these financial structures mentioned in slides 31-54 could be helpful in reducing actual or perceived risks to help private investors piggyback on top of public dollars.

**Focus on financial returns, not environmental or mission-related objectives.** Although the latter are important and do factor into decision-making for some investors -- such as family offices, foundations, and certain high net worth individuals -- the majority of investors and the majority of their decisions rely on metrics such as return on investment, internal rate of return, and net present value.

**Aggregate EV investment opportunities within the city in order to attract investors.** Many investors are only attracted if they see the opportunity to invest large amounts of equity or debt in 1-2 large projects, or in many smaller projects that have similar attributes.
Recommended Next Steps: Part 2

**Educate investors:** The EV sector’s growth and benefits are underestimated. The risks are overestimated. Solutions include live in-person or online events and organized stakeholder meetings supported by decision-making guidance documents.

**Facilitate matchmaking between the broader investor world and cities pushing for EV expansion:** Most investors are hesitant to spend time on general market discussions. They prefer instead to engage on discrete investment opportunities. Projects in the Smart City Challenge cities could be bundled into an investment presentation that can be discussed with a short list of investors to gauge interest, fit, and action items.

**Focus on certain kinds of investors over others.** While venture capital investments get the most media attention, they are not the most relevant for cities focused on growing EV activity in the near term. Instead, infrastructure equity investors and banks are more likely to play pivotal roles in bringing large amounts of private capital to match or exceed public sector resources.
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APPENDICES
Survey

Electronic survey administered via Google to 250+ potential respondents

Less than 6% completed responses

Questions were designed to elicit perceptions of the opportunities, risks, and challenges in financing EVs and EVSE

Many questions were structured on Likert scale, in which respondents specify their level of agreement or disagreement on a psychometric scale for a series of statements

Other questions were designed as multiple choice or open-ended to complement the core Likert scale questions
Investor Interests in the EV Sector

EVs support the growth of new entrant in the cleantech sector -- garnering interest from investors who may have become disinterested in the sector.

Perception that the market holds promise but is not a “greenfield” investment opportunity.

Belief in continued rapid growth and technological innovation.

Some reservation about potential for investor returns -- however, investor base should be large given that ESG investor goals are not a key motivator.

Still need for more investor education.
Investors Most Active in the EV Space

**Electric Vehicles**
Car manufacturers, some with backing from private equity firms and commercial banks

**Battery Technology**
Early stage investors such as angels and VCs mostly investing in battery technologies

**Charging Infrastructure**
Government and private companies
Barriers and Perceived Risks: EV Market

**Challenges**
Strongly held belief that EVs are still a very small niche -- low rate of adoption
Perception of dependence on public policy and incentives
Inadequate infrastructure base of EVSE

**Opportunities**
EVs are increasingly accessible to middle income consumers
Sector not too early for investment
Barriers and Perceived Risks: EVs

**Challenges**
“Range anxiety” still a concern
Longevity and durability of EVs
Customer confusion over EV options

**Opportunities**
Battery technology not perceived as very risky, but still in too early stage of development for some
EV purchase prices are still an impediment, but cheaper models are coming online

What barriers or perceived risks do you see related to EVs?

- Too dependent on public policy and incentives
- Too much consumer confusion about best technology options
- Limited driving range
- EV longevity and durability
- Battery technology still in early stage of development
- EV technology is not yet mature enough to scale
- EVs are too expensive

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
Barriers and Perceived Risks: EVSE

**Challenges**
Lack of adequate EVSE, and still very dependent on incentives/policy

Unproven EVSE business model

Unwieldy charge time

Disagreement over ideal provider -- private sector vs. utilities vs government vs. combination

**Opportunities**
New model of fueling car -- EV charging stations should not follow the gas station model

What barriers or perceived risks do you see related to EV Charging Infrastructure?

- Too much hype - concern about irrational valuations
- Too dependent on public policy and incentives
- EV charging takes too long
- Unproven business models for EV charging stations
- Lack of EV charging stations and supporting infrastructure

Strongly Disagree  |  Disagree  |  Neutral  |  Agree  |  Strongly Agree
Many issues need to be tackled simultaneously:

- Reducing EV prices
- Improving EV range
- Increasing access to EVSE

More financing/leasing options not a critical need

High personal adoption -- 90%+ of respondents expect to buy an EV within 5 years; confirms 2015 research that 80% of new-car buyers looked at an EV when in the market for a new car (Source: Kelley Blue Book, 2015)
Investor Targets in the EV Industry

Varied opinions on promising investment targets

**Most Desirable**
Battery manufacturers
EVSE is the greatest long-term opportunity
Infrastructure investment (project finance) in EVSE

**Least Desirable**
EV manufacturers, especially medium- and heavy-duty
ANGEL & VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTORS
## Angel Investors: Profile, Focus, Motivation, Role in EV Sector

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<td><strong>Timing for Investment to Reach Market</strong></td>
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<td>Fund startups as part of an EV innovation ecosystem</td>
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<td>Kleiner Perkins, Sequoia, Vision Ridge, Khosla Ventures</td>
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<td><strong>Relevance to Columbus - MEDIUM</strong></td>
<td>Fund startups as part of an EV innovation ecosystem; also VC-funded companies like ChargePoint can be helpful corporate partners</td>
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Angel and VC investors are actively searching for scalable charging solutions by experimenting with a variety of business models. Utilities and market-specific regulations are preventing dominance by a single solution.

### Sample EVSE Companies with Angel and VC Funding

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<td>$149 million</td>
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<td>$7.5 million</td>
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<td>Greenlots</td>
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<td>Evercharge</td>
<td>$1.4 million</td>
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(Source: [AngelList, 2016](https://www.angellist.com))
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<td><strong>Cost of Capital</strong></td>
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<td>JPMorgan, BlackRock, Macquarie Capital</td>
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<td><strong>Relevance to Columbus - HIGH</strong></td>
<td>Finance for large fleets or EVSE networks with clear asset-level financial ROI</td>
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<td><strong>Role in Growing EV Sector</strong></td>
<td>These investors require scale, which makes their role very important</td>
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### Infrastructure Investors (Banks): Profile, Focus, Motivation, Role in EV Sector

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Infrastructure Investors (Equity): Increasing Amounts of Capital Allocated

Equity for infrastructure investments has risen rapidly.

Moreover, the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates a need for $3.7T in the US by 2020 to upgrade infrastructure. (Source: American Society of Civil Engineers, 2016)

These investors are eager to find new sectors or geographies with opportunities. Many have great interest in energy right now. As such, EVs could be future sector of interest.

But most are not thinking about EVs because the market is too small and misunderstood. (Source: BlackRock, 2015)
It is important to understand the nuances of infrastructure investors’ tolerance of risk and financial return threshold. For projects, this goes from low risk senior debt to high risk (and higher return) options in the top right, where EVs probably fit.
The risks of EV infrastructure investments will be defined by variables such as these.

CITIES MIGHT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO LIMIT ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RISKS IN ORDER TO LOWER FINANCIAL RETURN NEEDS FOR THESE KINDS OF PROJECT INVESTORS.

(Source: BlackRock, 2015)
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FINANCING EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
BEVs comprise more than 60% of US EV sales, indicating the need for expansion of EVSE infrastructure.

US ratio of EV / EVSE is above 10 for both slow and fast charging systems, which is higher than nearly all other countries with significant EV stocks.
US has seen 4x growth in EVSE between 2011 and 2015.

The July 2016 US federal loan guarantee program for EVSE is likely to increase this growth trajectory.
EVSE Penetration: Perceived or Actual Risks?

Investors care about actual and perceived risks.

The vast majority of chargers are private.

If off-peak chargers become the norm, and if most fleets are privately charged, actual range limitations may be a moot point.

Regardless of whether those conditions are true, range anxiety is about perceived limitations. Perception is reality.

(Source: International Energy Agency, 2016)

Figure 11 • Global EVSE outlets, 2010-15

Note: Private chargers are estimated assuming that each EV is coupled with a private charger.
Financing EVSE: Tenuous ROI

EVSE are often not financially attractive with market-rate capital and operating expenses, and direct revenues. However, a positive ROI is possible with some combination of government subsidies, more debt, lower costs of capital, higher electricity costs, low site access costs, and indirect revenues, such as increased retail sales at the EVSE location.

(Source: Center for Energy and Climate Solution, 2015)
In most cases, DC fast chargers require indirect benefits or cost subsidies to justify the ROI.

(Source: Center for Energy and Climate Solution, 2015)
Financing EVSE: Level 2 Charging - Negative NPV

In most cases, level 2 chargers require indirect benefits or cost subsidies to justify the ROI.

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EV MARKET GRAPHS:
STATUS, GROWTH, TECHNOLOGY, OPPORTUNITIES
It seems difficult for many investors to believe that EVs will represent a substantial share of the vehicle market in the near term. However, consumer adoption of other household electronics and products occurred relatively fast.

Importantly, the slope of this adoption curve is getting steeper with more recent innovations.

The media makes it seem like Tesla is the only serious EV manufacturer. However, that is not true. Moreover, many leading EV OEMs are not in the US. Investors need an understanding of all market players, not just the obvious ones.
Battery technology costs have decreased by nearly 75% since 2008.

Battery energy density is just as important a factor, and have nearly doubled since 2008.

The combination of reducing battery costs and increasing energy density are driving down EV costs, making them more competitive with ICE vehicles on a purchase price basis.

(Source: International Energy Agency, 2016)
EV Savings/Mile Significant Even With Low Gas Prices

EV savings per mile are significant across many countries, even those with high electricity prices compared to the US.

Low gas prices in the US undercut the potential savings from EVs, but this is partially offset by the comparatively low electricity prices.

(Source: Rocky Mountain Institute, 2016)
From a climate perspective, BEVs provide the largest potential carbon reduction compared to conventional ICE cars.

Actual carbon benefits depend on the carbon intensity of the electric grid.

With renewable electricity, BEVs would approach carbon neutrality.

With the current electric grid, PHEVs may actually have a larger carbon reduction impact than BEVs.

(Source: MIT, 2015)
Global Battery Supply Chain Will Affect EV Costs

Forecasted annual growth rates in automotive Lithium Ion Batteries (LIB) demand range from 22% to 41% through 2020.

LIB manufacturing capacity is primarily located in China, Japan, and Korea, which constitute 85% of global LIB production capacity.

Current LIB manufacturing capacity far exceeds production - utilization was 22% in 2014. Could be ramped up to meet new demand.

Mexico’s low cost of labor and low cost of capital could sustain the most competitive prices on the global market over the long-term.

Investors will need to pay attention to the global LIB supply chain.

(Source: NREL, 2015)
Investors care about EV market maturity in terms of volume (aggregate numbers) as well as market share (penetration).

One or both of these numbers reflect where the country or city is on the adoption curve.

This positioning relates to risk tolerance, investment hold periods, and financial return potential.

(Source: International Energy Agency, 2016)
EV Government Incentives Vary Greatly by Country

Investors will use this information to target near-term geographies for investment.

However, most investors do not like policy dependency and uncertainty.

(Source: International Energy Agency, 2016)
State and local government policy innovation plays a key role in determining EV market growth. This data from 2014 is representative of the same situation today.

EV penetration is very low; Hence, the upside over time could be very large, depending on an investor's time horizon.

(Source: US DOE, 2015)
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